

c.) Amendments to the claims.

Please cancel claims 41-60 and 65-69 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claim 61 as follows:

Claim 1. (previously amended) A granule comprising a plurality of layers with a core having at least one inner layer proximate to the core and at least one outer layer distal to the core, wherein at least one layer has a composition that is different from at least one other layer and said granule contains biosolid material.

Claim 2. (original) The granule of claim 1 wherein the core comprises a biosolid material.

Claim 3. (previously amended) The granule of claim 2 wherein the biosolid material comprises class A biosolids.

Claim 4. (original) The granule of claim 1 wherein one or more of the plurality of layers comprise non-biosolid materials.

Claim 5. (original) The granule of claim 4 wherein the non-biosolid materials are selected from the group consisting of ammonium sulfate, azo-group based polymers, calcium-linked polymer, cationic-linked polymers, diammonium phosphate, dried organic materials, dried inorganic materials, fertilizers, lignins, magnesium-linked polymers, natural polymers, nutrient fertilizers, plant polysaccharides, synthetic polymers, and combinations thereof.

Claim 6. (original) The granule of claim 1 which has a diameter of less than about 10 mm.

Claim 7. (original) The granule of claim 1 which contains less than ten percent water.

Claim 8. (original) The granule of claim 1 wherein one or more layers of said granule, but not all, have a higher pH than the core or one or more other layers of said granule.

Claim 9. (original) The granule of claim 1 wherein one or more layers, but not all, have a higher moisture level than said core or one or more other layers of said granule.